

Supplementary Figure 2

Home-built ytterbium (Yb) all-fiber chirped-pulse laser amplifier (FCPA) design and characterization.

(a) Detailed sketch of the FCPA, showing the Yb-fiber seed oscillator (pulse repetition rate 58 MHz) at the top. LD – laser diode; PC – polarization controller; DCF – dispersion compensating fiber; FCAOM – fiber-coupled acousto-optic modulator; PLMA – polarization-maintaining large mode area fiber; PLMA10 – 10 μm core diameter PLMA; PLMA30 – 30 μm core diameter PLMA. The oscillator is pumped with a 600 mW single-mode 976-nm laser diode. The amplifier is pumped with 10W ~980-nm pump diodes. (b) Left: Output spectral intensity (black) as well as phase (red) of the FCPA; Right: Temporal pulse profile (black - measured FWHM 183 fs, blue - calculated Fourier limited pulse duration based on the output spectrum, FWHM 170fs) and temporal phase profile (red). (c) Measured beam profile of the FCPA, showing corresponding cross sections (white). Scale bar 1mm.